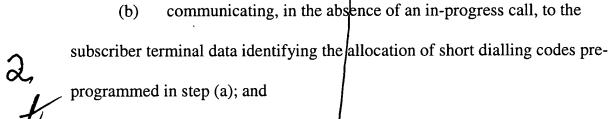
## LAUNDERS et al. -- Application No. 09/623,317



- (c) subsequently initiating a call from the said subscriber terminal by dialling one of the said short codes.
- 12. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein communicating to the subscriber terminal data in step (b) comprises communicating to a user of a subscriber terminal an off-hook signal which identifies the allocation of the short dialling codes.
  - 14. (Amended) A telecφmmunications network including:
- (a) means responsive to instructions from a second party remote from a subscriber terminal for pre-programming the network to respond to one or more short dialling codes from the subscriber terminal,
- (b) means for communicating, in the absence of an in-progress call, to the subscriber terminal data identifying the allocation of short dialling codes pre-programmed by the said means responsive to instructions from a second party; and
- (c) means responsive to a short code subsequently selected by the subscriber for connecting the said subscriber to a destination number determined by the said allocation of short dialling codes.

Bh

Please add the following new claims.

--16. (New) A method of operating a telecommunications network, the method comprising:

- (a) in response to instructions from a second party remote from a subscriber terminal, pre-programming the network to respond to one or more short dialling codes from the subscriber terminal;
- (b) communicating to the subscriber terminal a dial tone, the dial tone offering data identifying the allocation of short dialling codes pre-programmed in step (a); and
- (c) subsequently initiating a call from the subscriber terminal by dialling one of the short dialling codes.
  - 17. (New) A telecommunications network comprising:
- (a) means responsive to instructions from a second party remote from a subscriber terminal for pre-programming the network to respond to one or more short dialling codes from the subscriber terminal;
- (b) means for communicating to the subscriber terminal a dial tone, the dial tone offering data identifying the allocation of short dialling codes preprogrammed by the means responsive to instructions from a second party; and
- (c) means responsive to a short code subsequently selected by the subscriber for connecting the subscriber to a destination number determined by the allocation of short dialling codes.--

